

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. to 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) An information processing apparatus comprising:  
display means for displaying a first device and a second device;  
indication means for indicating the first device and the second device  
displayed by said display means;  
specifying means for specifying an image formation process to be executed  
by a set of the first device and the second device indicated by said indication means; and  
obtaining means for obtaining the number of executions of the image  
formation process specified by said specifying means.

28. (New) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein  
said display means displays the first device and the second device by using  
icons, and  
said obtaining means obtains the number of executions of the image  
formation process specified by said specifying means, in response to that said indication  
means selects and indicates the first device and the second device.

29. (New) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein in said  
indication means the first device and the second device are selected by executing a drag-  
and-drop process to the displayed icon.

30. (New) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the first device is an image output device, the second device is an image input device, and the image formation process specified by said specifying means is an image copying process.

31. (New) An information processing method comprising:  
a display step of displaying a first device and a second device;  
an indication step of indicating the first device and the second device displayed in said display step;  
a specifying step of specifying an image formation process to be executed by a set of the first device and the second device indicated in said indication step; and  
an obtaining step of obtaining the number of executions of the image formation process specified in said specifying step.

32. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein  
in said display step, the first device and the second device are displayed by using icons, and  
in said obtaining step, the number of executions of the image formation process specified in said specifying step is obtained in response to that the first device and the second device are selected and indicated in said indication step.

33. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein in said indication step the first device and the second device are selected by executing a drag-and-drop process to the displayed icon.

34. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the first device is an image output device, the second device is an image input device, and the image formation process specified in said specifying step is an image copying process.

35. (New) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program to execute an information processing method comprising:

- a display step of displaying a first device and a second device;
- an indication step of indicating the first device and the second device displayed in said display step;
- a specifying step of specifying an image formation process to be executed by a set of the first device and the second device indicated in said indication step; and
- an obtaining step of obtaining the number of executions of the image formation process specified in said specifying step.